

ORGANIC ELECTROLUMINESCENCE DEVICE

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

(1) Field of the Invention

5 The present invention relates to an organic electroluminescence device having excellent luminescence properties.

(2) Description of the Prior Art

10 An organic electroluminescence device (hereinafter abbreviated to the organic EL device) is a light-emitting device which makes use of the principle that when an electric field is applied, a fluorescent material emits light in response to the charge recombination of holes injected from an anode and electrons injected from a cathode.

15 After C.W. Tang et al. of Eastman Kodak Company reported a low-voltage-driven organic EL device using a double layered structure (C.W. Tang, S.A. Vanslyke, Applied Physics Letters, 51, 913(1987) and the like), studies on an organic EL device have been briskly carried out. Tang et al. reported an

20 organic EL device using tris(8-hydroxyquinolinol aluminum) in an electron-transporting and light-emitting layer and a triphenyldiamine derivative in a hole-transporting layer. This stacked structure gives such advantages as an improvement in the injection efficiency of holes into the

25 light-emitting layer; blocking of electrons injected from a

material, chelate complexes such as tris(8-quinolinolate)aluminum complex are known, and it is also well-known that devices using the mixture of a light-emitting material and a small amount of a fluorescent pigment have an improved efficiency. As these fluorescent pigments, there are known coumarin derivatives, tetraphenylbutadiene derivatives, bisstyrylarylene derivatives, oxadiazole derivatives, porphyrin derivatives, phenoxazoline type pigments, rhodamine type pigments, acridine type pigments and the like. It is reported that various color light in a visible region from blue to red are obtained from these materials, and realization of a full color organic EL device is expected (e.g., Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open Nos. 239655/1996, 138561/1995, 200289/1991 and the like).

Nowadays, the organic EL devices having a high luminance and a long life have been reported, but they are not always sufficient. Therefore, it has been strongly desired to develop the materials having a high performance.

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SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The present invention has been developed in view of the above-mentioned point, and an object of the present invention is to provide an organic EL device having a high luminance.

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The present invention is specified by aspects

described in the following paragraphs (1) to (10).

(1) An organic electroluminescence device having at least an anode, a light-emitting zone and a cathode, wherein the light-emitting zone comprises a mixture containing at least two compounds, and the spectrum of the luminescence from light-emitting zone includes at least one peak at a wavelength which is different from ^{any one} ~~neither~~ of fluorescent peak positions of the compounds included in light-emitting zone;

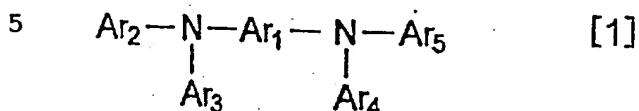
10 (2) The organic electroluminescence device according to the above paragraph (1) wherein the spectrum of the luminescence from light-emitting zone includes at least one peak at a wavelength which is longer than ^{any one} ~~neither~~ of fluorescent peak positions of the compounds included in light-emitting zone;

(3) The organic electroluminescence device according to the above paragraph (1) or (2) wherein the light-emitting zone comprises a mixture containing at least two electroluminescent materials;

20 (4) The organic electroluminescence device according to the above paragraph (1) or (2) wherein the light-emitting zone comprises a mixture containing at least one electroluminescent material and one fluorescence material;

(5) The organic electroluminescence device according to any one of the above paragraphs (1) to (4) wherein light-

emitting zone comprises a mixture containing at least one electroluminescent material represented by the following formula [1]



10 wherein Ar₁ designates a substituted or non-substituted arylene group having 5 to 42 carbon atoms, Ar₂ to Ar₅ designate, independently with one another, a substituted or non-substituted aryl group having 6 to 20 carbon atoms;

15 (6) The organic electroluminescence device according to the above paragraph (5) wherein at least one of Ar₂ to Ar₅ of the compound represented by the formula [1] has a substituted or non-substituted styryl group as a substituent;

20 (7) The organic electroluminescence device according to any one of the above paragraphs (1), (2) and (4) to (6) wherein the light-emitting zone comprises a mixture containing at least one of fluorescence materials such as a substituted or non-substituted aromatic hydrocarbon, a substituted or non-substituted fused polycyclic hydrocarbon, a substituted or non-substituted heterocyclic compound, and
25 a substituted or non-substituted fused heterocyclic

compound;

(8) The organic electroluminescence device according to any one of the above paragraphs (1) to (7) wherein the light-emitting zone is adjacent to the anode;

5 (9) The organic electroluminescence device according to any one of the above paragraphs (1) to (7) wherein a hole-injecting zone is present between the anode and the light-emitting zone; and

10 (10) The organic electroluminescence device according to the above paragraph (8) or (9) wherein an electron-injecting zone is present between the cathode and the light-emitting zone.

15 In an organic electroluminescence device regarding the present invention, a mixture containing at least two compounds is used for a light-emitting zone, whereby the spectrum of the luminescence includes at least one peak at a wavelength which is different from neither of fluorescent
peak positions of the compounds included in light-emitting zone and the luminescence is obtained with high brightness.

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

FIG. 1 is a cross-sectional view showing one example of an organic EL device regarding the present invention.

25 FIG. 2 is a cross-sectional view showing another example of the organic EL device regarding the present

invention.

FIG. 3 is a cross-sectional view showing still another example of the organic EL device regarding the present invention.

5 FIG. 4 is a cross-sectional view showing a further example of the organic EL device regarding the present invention.

10 FIG. 5 shows an emission spectrum of the organic EL device regarding the present invention and a fluorescence spectrum of a compound used in a light-emitting zone.

In FIGS. 1 to 4, numeral 1 is a substrate, 2 is an anode, 3 is a hole-injecting zone, 4 is a light-emitting zone, 5 is an electron-injecting zone, and 6 is a cathode.

15 DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

Next, the present invention will be described in detail.

20 The present invention is directed to an organic EL device in which a mixture containing at least two compounds is used for a light-emitting zone, and it is characterized in that the organic EL device has at least one peak which is different from neither of that of the spectrum of the compounds included in light-emitting zone.

25 In a compound of the above-mentioned formula [1] which is used as a electroluminescent material contained in

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phenanthroline, phenazine, phenothiazine and phenoxazine,

and derivatives thereof.

In the compound of the above-mentioned formula [1],
Ar₂ to Ar₅ are each independently a substituted or non-
substituted aryl group having 6 to 20 carbon atoms.

- 5 Examples of the aryl group having 6 to 20 carbon atoms
include a phenyl group, a naphthyl group, an anthryl group,
a phenanthryl group, a naphthacenyl group, a pyrenyl group,
and derivatives thereof.

- As the fluorescence material contained in the
10 mixture for forming the light-emitting zone in the present
invention, there is used a substituted or non-substituted
aromatic hydrocarbon, a substituted or non-substituted fused
polycyclic hydrocarbon, a substituted or non-substituted
heterocyclic compound, a substituted or non-substituted
15 fused heterocyclic compound, or the like.

Examples of the aromatic hydrocarbon and the fused
polycyclic hydrocarbon mentioned above include benzene,
naphthalene, anthracene, phenanthrene, naphthacene,
pentacene, pyrene, chrysene, picene, perylene, terphenyl,
20 and derivatives thereof.

- Examples of the heterocyclic compound and the fused
heterocyclic compound mentioned above include pyrrole,
thiophene, furan, pyran, 4H-pyran, xanthene, imidazole,
pyrazole, 3a,6a-diazapentalene, isothiazole, isoxazole,
25 oxazole, oxadiazole, triazole, coumarin, isocoumarin,

pyridine, pyrazine, pyrimidine, pyridazine, furazane,
thianthrene, isobenzofuran, indolizine, indole, isoindole,
1H-indazole, purine, quinoline, isoquinoline, quinolone,
acridone, phthalazine, naphthyridine, quinoxaline,
5 quinazoline, cinnoline, pteridine, carbazole, β -carbazoline,
phenanthridine, acridine, perimidine, phenanthroline,
phenazine, phenothiazine, phenoxazine, phenoxazone, and
derivatives thereof.

Examples of a substituent which each of Ar₁ to Ar₈,
10 the aromatic hydrocarbon, the fused polycyclic hydrocarbon,
the heterocyclic compound or the fused heterocyclic compound
include a halogen atom, a hydroxyl group, a substituted or
non-substituted amino group, a nitro group, a cyano group, a
substituted or non-substituted alkyl group, a substituted or
15 non-substituted alkenyl group, a substituted or non-
substituted cycloalkyl group, a substituted or non-
substituted alkoxy group, a substituted or non-substituted
aromatic hydrocarbon, a substituted or non-substituted
aromatic heterocyclic group, a substituted or non-
20 substituted aralkyl group, a substituted or non-substituted
aryloxy group, a substituted or non-substituted
alkoxycarbonyl group, and a carboxyl group.

Two of the substituents of Ar₁ to Ar₅, the aromatic
hydrocarbon, the fused polycyclic hydrocarbon, the
25 heterocyclic compound and the fused heterocyclic compound

may form a ring, and two of the substituents which each aryl group of Ar₆ to Ar₈ has may form a ring.

Examples of the halogen atom mentioned above include fluorine, chlorine, bromine and iodine.

- 5 The substituted or non-substituted amino group mentioned above can be represented by $-NX^1X^2$, and examples of X^1 and X^2 include, each independently, a hydrogen atom, methyl group, ethyl group, propyl group, isopropyl group, n-butyl group, s-butyl group, isobutyl group, t-butyl group, 10 n-pentyl group, n-hexyl group, n-heptyl group, n-octyl group, hydroxymethyl group, 1-hydroxyethyl group, 2-hydroxyethyl group, 2-hydroxyisobutyl group, 1,2-dihydroxyethyl group, 1,3-dihydroxyisopropyl group, 2,3-dihydroxy-t-butyl group, 1,2,3-trihydroxypropyl group, chloromethyl group, 1- 15 chloroethyl group, 2-chloroethyl group, 2-chloroisobutyl group, 1,2-dichloroethyl group, 1,3-dichloroisopropyl group, 2,3-dichloro-t-butyl group, 1,2,3-trichloropropyl group, bromomethyl group, 1-bromoethyl group, 2-bromoethyl group, 2-bromoisobutyl group, 1,2-dibromoethyl group, 1,3- 20 dibromoisopropyl group, 2,3-dibromo-t-butyl group, 1,2,3-tribromopropyl group, iodomethyl group, 1-iodoethyl group, 2-iodoethyl group, 2-iodoisobutyl group, 1,2-diiodoethyl group, 1,3-diiodopropyl group, 2,3-diiodo-t-butyl group, 1,2,3-triiodopropyl group, aminomethyl group, 1-aminoethyl 25 group, 2-aminoethyl group, 2-aminoisobutyl group, 1,2-

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Examples of the substituted or non-substituted alkyl group mentioned above include a methyl group, ethyl group, 15 propyl group, isopropyl group, n-butyl group, s-butyl group, isobutyl group, t-butyl group, n-pentyl group, n-hexyl group, n-heptyl group, n-octyl group, hydroxymethyl group, 1-hydroxyethyl group, 2-hydroxyethyl group, 2-hydroxyisobutyl group, 1,2-dihydroxyethyl group, 1,3-dihydroxyisopropyl group, 2,3-dihydroxy-t-butyl group, 1,2,3-trihydroxypropyl group, chloromethyl group, 1-chloroethyl group, 2-chloroethyl group, 2-chloroisobutyl group, 1,2-dichloroethyl group, 1,3-dichloroisopropyl group, 2,3-dichloro-t-butyl group, 1,2,3-trichloropropyl group, bromomethyl group, 1- 25

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group, 1,2-dimethylallyl group, 1-phenyl-1-butenyl group and 3-phenyl-1-butenyl group.

Examples of the substituted or non-substituted cycloalkyl group mentioned above include a cyclopropyl group, cyclobutyl group, cyclopentyl group, cyclohexyl group and 4-methylcyclohexyl group.

The substituted or non-substituted alkoxy group is a group represented by -OY, and examples of Y include a methyl group, ethyl group, propyl group, isopropyl group, n-butyl group, s-butyl group, isobutyl group, t-butyl group, n-pentyl group, n-hexyl group, n-heptyl group, n-octyl group, hydroxymethyl group, 1-hydroxyethyl group, 2-hydroxyethyl group, 2-hydroxyisobutyl group, 1,2-dihydroxyethyl group, 1,3-dihydroxyisopropyl group, 2,3-dihydroxy-t-butyl group, 1,2,3-trihydroxypropyl group, chloromethyl group, 1-chloroethyl group, 2-chloroethyl group, 2-chloroisobutyl group, 1,2-dichloroethyl group, 1,3-dichloroisopropyl group, 2,3-dichloro-t-butyl group, 1,2,3-trichloropropyl group, bromomethyl group, 1-bromoethyl group, 2-bromoethyl group,

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group, 2-aminoethyl group, 2-aminoisobutyl group, 1,2-diaminoethyl group, 1,3-diaminoisopropyl group, 2,3-diamino-t-butyl group, 1,2,3-triaminopropyl group, cyanomethyl group, 1-cyanoethyl group, 2-cyanoethyl group, 2-cyanoisobutyl group, 1,2-dicyanoethyl group, 1,3-dicyanoisopropyl group, 2,3-dicyano-t-butyl group, 1,2,3-tricyanopropyl group, nitromethyl group, 1-nitroethyl group, 2-nitroethyl group, 2-nitroisobutyl group, 1,2-dinitroethyl group, 1,3-dinitroisopropyl group, 2,3-dinitro-t-butyl group and 1,2,3-trinitropropyl group.

Examples of the substituted or non-substituted aromatic hydrocarbon mentioned above include a phenyl group, 1-naphthyl group, 2-naphthyl group, 9-fluorenyl group, 1-anthryl group, 2-anthryl group, 9-anthryl group, 1-phenanthryl group, 2-phenanthryl group, 3-phenanthryl group, 4-phenanthryl group, 9-phenanthryl group, 1-naphthacenyl group, 2-naphthacenyl group, 9-naphthacenyl group, 1-pyrenyl group, 2-pyrenyl group, 4-pyrenyl group, 2-biphenylyl group, 3-biphenylyl group, 4-biphenylyl group, p-terphenyl-4-yl group, p-terphenyl-3-yl group, p-terphenyl-2-yl group, m-terphenyl-4-yl group, m-terphenyl-3-yl group, m-terphenyl-2-yl group, o-tolyl group, m-tolyl group, p-tolyl group, p-t-butylphenyl group, p-(2-phenylpropyl)phenyl group, 3-methyl-2-naphthyl group, 4-methyl-1-naphthyl group, 4-methyl-1-anthryl group, 4'-methylbiphenylyl group and 4"-t-butyl-p-

terphenyl-4-yl group.

Examples of the substituted or non-substituted aromatic heterocyclic group mentioned above include a 1-pyrrolyl group, 2-pyrrolyl group, 3-pyrrolyl group, 5 pyrazinyl group, 2-pyridinyl group, 3-pyridinyl group, 4-pyridinyl group, 1-indolyl group, 2-indolyl group, 3-indolyl group, 4-indolyl group, 5-indolyl group, 6-indolyl group, 7-indolyl group, 1-isoindolyl group, 2-isoindolyl group, 3-isoindolyl group, 4-isoindolyl group, 5-isoindolyl group, 6-isoindolyl group, 7-isoindolyl group, 2-furyl group, 3-furyl group, 2-benzofuranyl group, 3-benzofuranyl group, 4-benzofuranyl group, 5-benzofuranyl group, 6-benzofuranyl group, 7-benzofuranyl group, 1-isobenzofuranyl group, 3-isobenzofuranyl group, 4-isobenzofuranyl group, 5-isobenzofuranyl group, 6-isobenzofuranyl group, 7-isobenzofuranyl group, 2-quinolyl group, 3-quinolyl group, 4-quinolyl group, 5-quinolyl group, 6-quinolyl group, 7-quinolyl group, 8-quinolyl group, 1-isoquinolyl group, 3-isoquinolyl group, 4-isoquinolyl group, 5-isoquinolyl group, 6-isoquinolyl group, 7-isoquinolyl group, 8-isoquinolyl group, 2-quinoxaliny group, 5-quinoxaliny group, 6-quinoxaliny group, 1-carbazolyl group, 2-carbazolyl group, 3-carbazolyl group, 4-carbazolyl group, 9-carbazolyl group, 1-phenanthridinyl group, 2-phenanthridinyl group, 3-phenanthridinyl group, 4-phenanthridinyl group, 6-

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~~phenylpropyl)pyrrhol-1-yl group, 2-methyl-1-indolyl group,~~
4-methyl-1-indolyl group, 2-methyl-3-indolyl group, 4-
20 methyl-3-indolyl group, 2-t-butyl-1-indolyl group, 4-t-
butyl-1-indolyl group, 2-t-butyl-3-indolyl group and 4-t-
butyl-3-indolyl group.

Examples of the substituted or non-substituted aralkyl group mentioned above include a benzyl group, 1-phenylethyl group, 2-phenylethyl group, 1-phenylisopropyl

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3-biphenylyl group, 4-biphenylyl group, p-terphenyl-4-yl group, p-terphenyl-3-yl group, p-terphenyl-2-yl group, m-terphenyl-4-yl group, m-terphenyl-3-yl group, m-terphenyl-2-yl group, o-tolyl group, m-tolyl group, p-tolyl group, p-t-butylphenyl group, p-(2-phenylpropyl)phenyl group, 3-methyl-2-naphthyl group, 4-methyl-1-naphthyl group, 4-methyl-1-anthryl group, 4'-methylbiphenylyl group, 4"-t-butyl-p-terphenyl-4-yl group, 2-pyrrolyl group, 3-pyrrolyl group, pyrazinyl group, 2-pyridinyl group, 3-pyridinyl group, 4-pyridinyl group, 2-indolyl group, 3-indolyl group, 4-indolyl group, 5-indolyl group, 6-indolyl group, 7-indolyl group, 1-isoindolyl group, 3-isoindolyl group, 4-isoindolyl group, 5-isoindolyl group, 6-isoindolyl group, 7-isoindolyl group, 2-furyl group, 3-furyl group, 2-benzofuranyl group, 3-benzofuranyl group, 4-benzofuranyl group, 5-benzofuranyl group, 6-benzofuranyl group, 7-benzofuranyl group, 1-isobenzofuranyl group, 3-isobenzofuranyl group, 4-isobenzofuranyl group, 5-isobenzofuranyl group, 6-isobenzofuranyl group, 7-isobenzofuranyl group, 2-quinolyl group, 3-quinolyl group, 4-quinolyl group, 5-quinolyl group, 6-quinolyl group, 7-quinolyl group, 8-quinolyl group, 1-isoquinolyl group, 3-isoquinolyl group, 4-isoquinolyl group, 5-isoquinolyl group, 6-isoquinolyl group, 7-isoquinolyl group, 8-isoquinolyl group, 2-quinoxaliny group, 5-quinoxaliny group, 6-quinoxaliny group, 1-carbazolyl group

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The substituted or non-substituted alkoxycarbonyl

group mentioned above can be represented by -COOY, and examples of Y include a methyl group, ethyl group, propyl group, isopropyl group, n-butyl group, s-butyl group, isobutyl group, t-butyl group, n-pentyl group, n-hexyl group, n-heptyl group, n-octyl group, hydroxymethyl group, 1-hydroxyethyl group, 2-hydroxyethyl group, 2-hydroxyisobutyl group, 1,2-dihydroxyethyl group, 1,3-dihydroxyisopropyl group, 2,3-dihydroxy-t-butyl group, 1,2,3-trihydroxypropyl group, chloromethyl group, 1-chloroethyl group, 2-chloroethyl group, 2-chloroisobutyl group, 1,2-dichloroethyl group, 1,3-dichloroisopropyl group, 2,3-dichloro-t-butyl group, 1,2,3-trichloropropyl group, bromomethyl group, 1-bromoethyl group, 2-bromoethyl group, 2-bromoisobutyl group, 1,2-dibromoethyl group, 1,3-dibromoisopropyl group, 2,3-dibromo-t-butyl group, 1,2,3-tribromopropyl group, iodomethyl group, 1-iodoethyl group, 2-iodoethyl group, 2-iodoisobutyl group, 1,2-diiodoethyl group, 1,3-diiodopropyl group, 2,3-diiodo-t-butyl group, 1,2,3-triiodopropyl group, aminomethyl group, 1-aminoethyl group, 2-aminoethyl group, 2-aminoisobutyl group, 1,2-diaminoethyl group, 1,3-diaminoisopropyl group, 2,3-diamino-t-butyl group, 1,2,3-triaminopropyl group, cyanomethyl group, 1-cyanoethyl group, 2-cyanoethyl group, 2-cyanoisobutyl group, 1,2-dicyanoethyl group, 1,3-dicyanoisopropyl group, 2,3-dicyano-t-butyl group, 1,2,3-tricyanopropyl group, nitromethyl group, 1-nitroethyl

group, 2-nitroethyl group, 2-nitroisobutyl group, 1,2-dinitroethyl group, 1,3-dinitroisopropyl group, 2,3-dinitro-t-butyl group and 1,2,3-trinitropropyl group.

Furthermore, examples of the substituted or non-substituted styryl group which at least one of Ar_2 to Ar_5 has as a substituent include non-substituted styryl group and a 2,2-diphenylvinyl group. In addition, the substituted styryl group can be employed having, as a substituent on the terminal phenyl group, a halogen atom, a hydroxyl group, the substituted and non-substituted amino groups, a nitro group, a cyano group, the above substituted and non-substituted alkyl groups, the above substituted and non-substituted alkenyl groups, the above substituted and non-substituted cycloalkyl groups, the above substituted and non-substituted alkoxy groups, the above substituted and non-substituted aromatic hydrocarbons, the above substituted and non-substituted aromatic heterocyclic groups, the above substituted and non-substituted aralkyl groups, the above substituted and non-substituted aryloxy groups, the above substituted and non-substituted alkoxycarbonyl groups and carboxyl group as well as substituted 2,2'-diphenylvinyl can be employed.

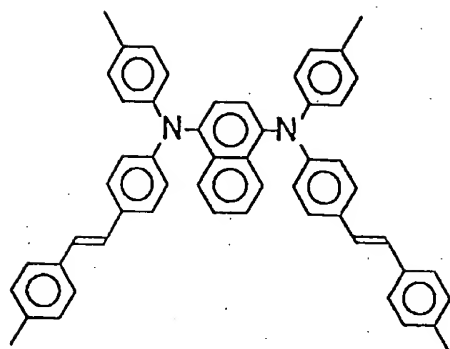
In addition, examples of the divalent group which can form a ring include a tetramethylene group, a pentamethylene group, a hexamethylene group, a

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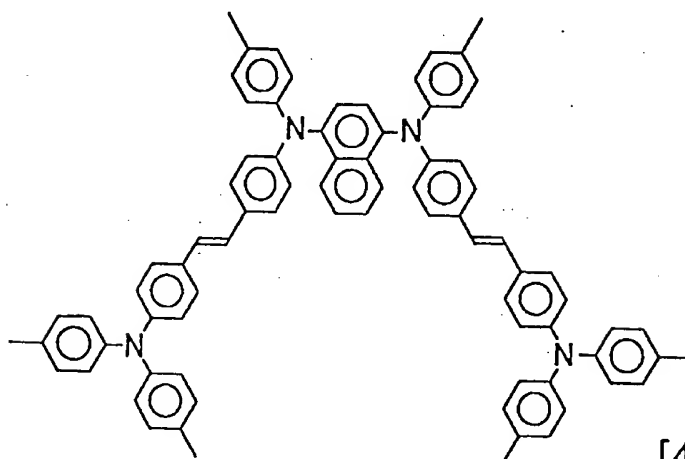
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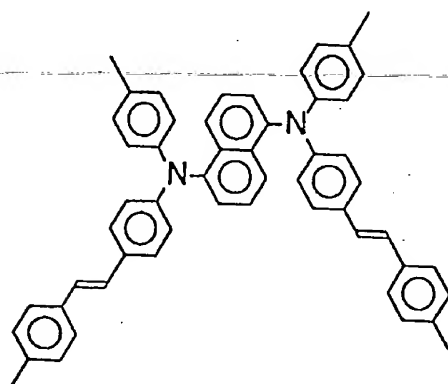
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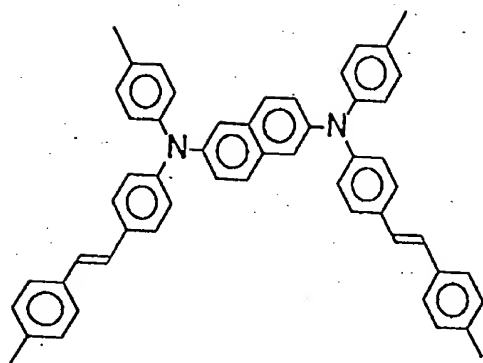


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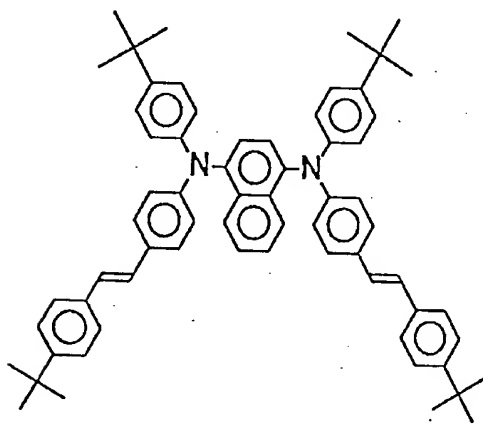
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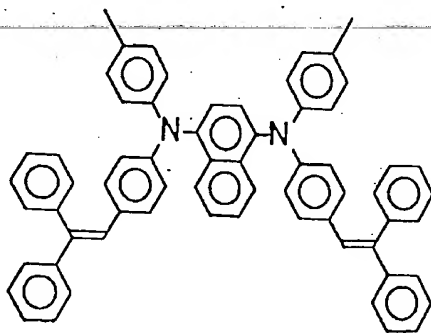
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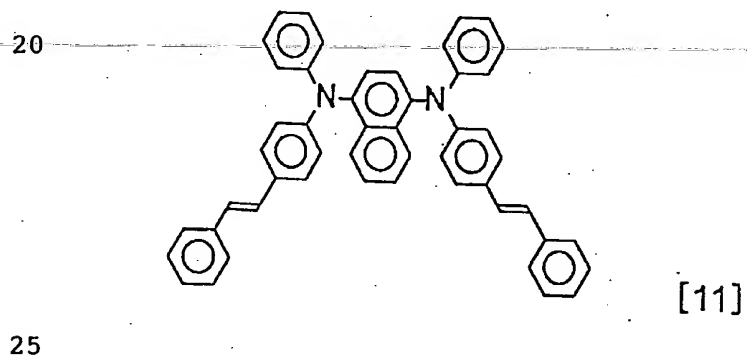
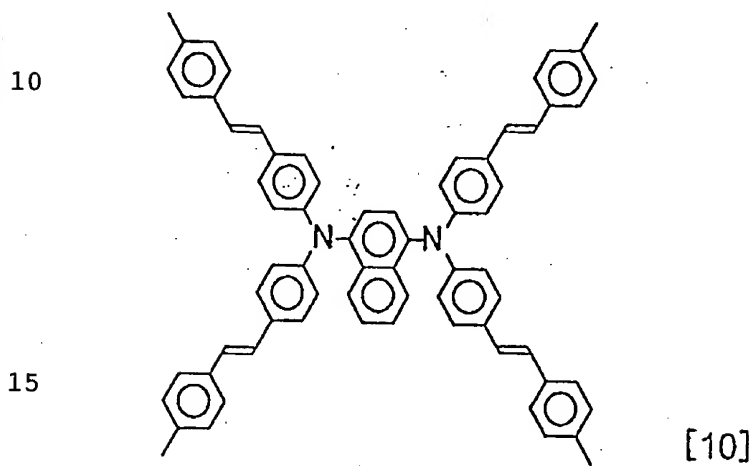
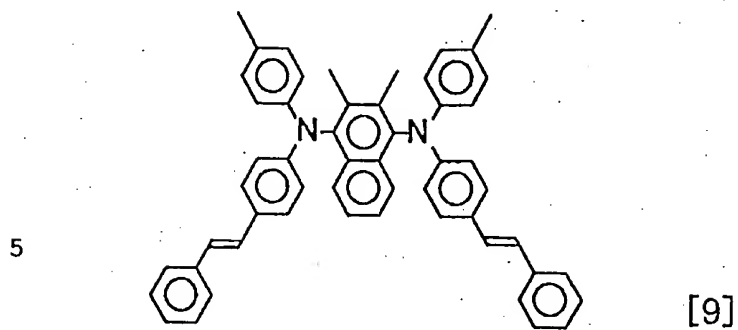
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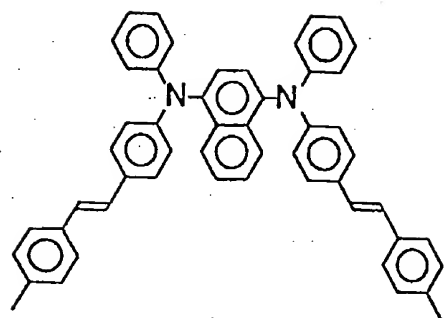


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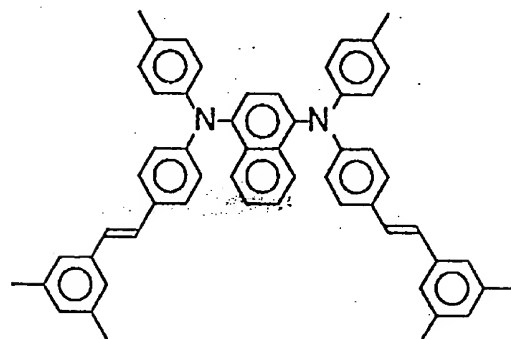


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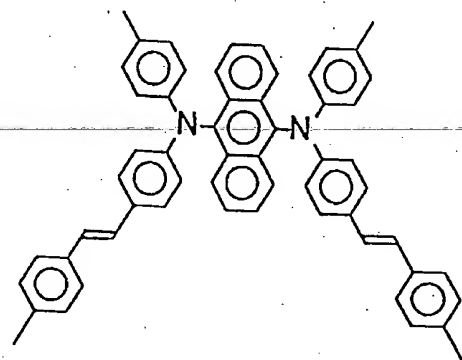
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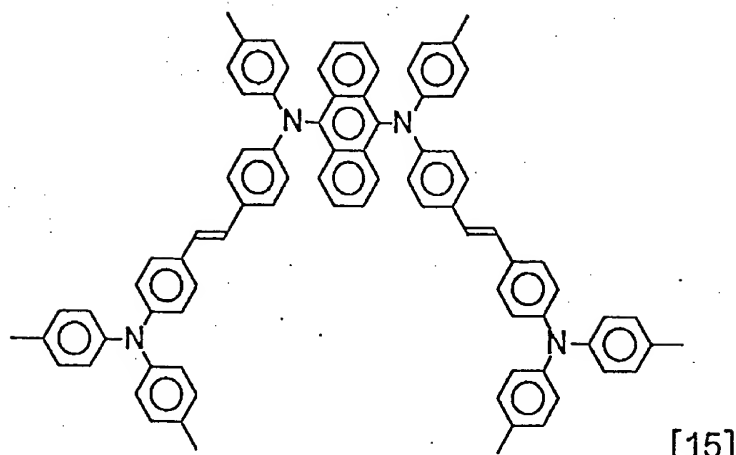
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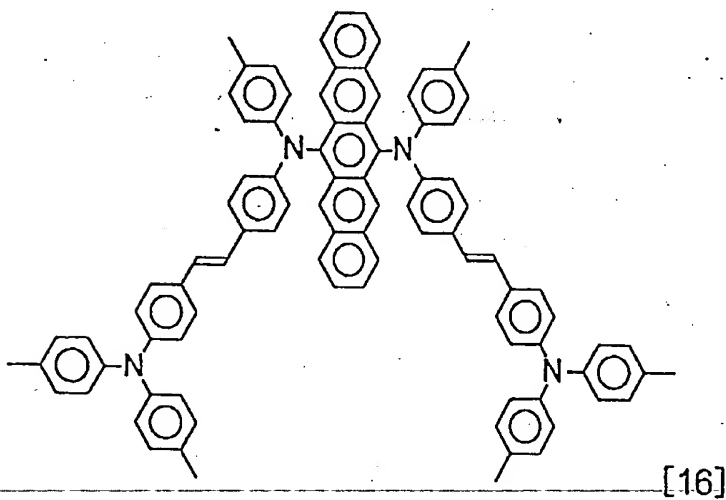
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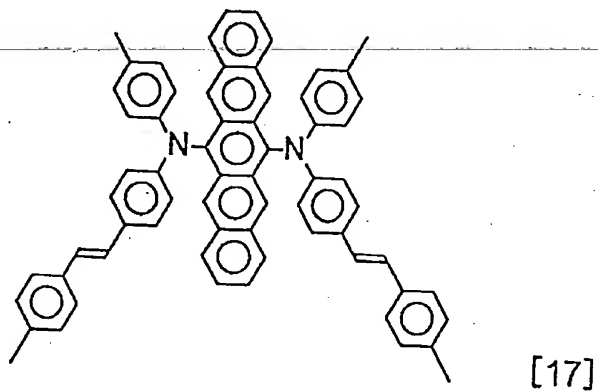


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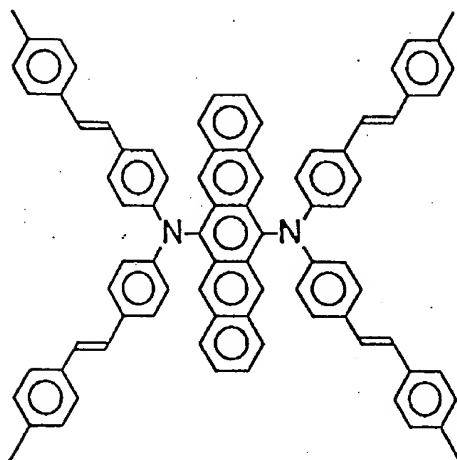
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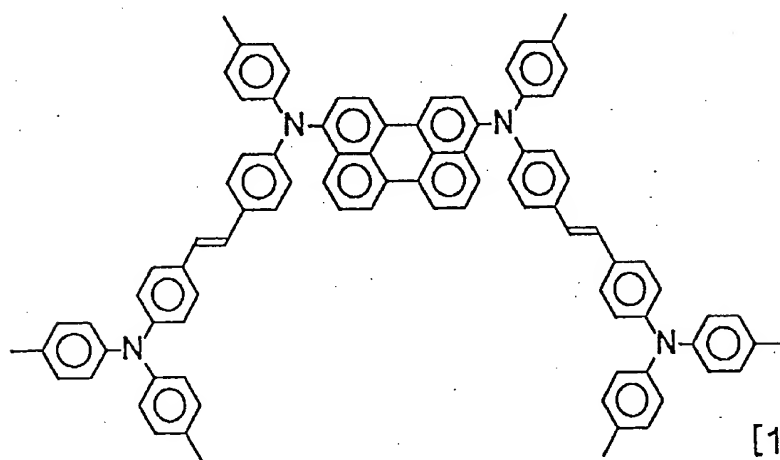
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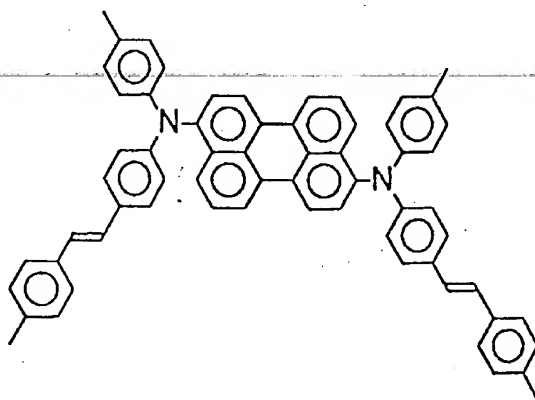
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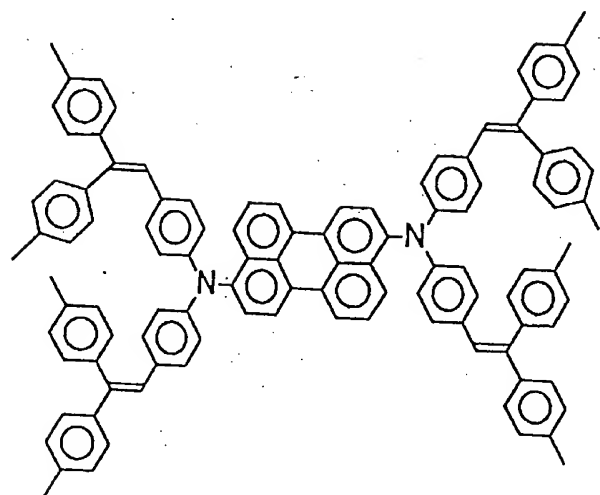
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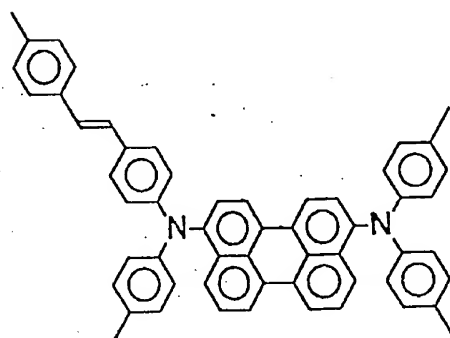
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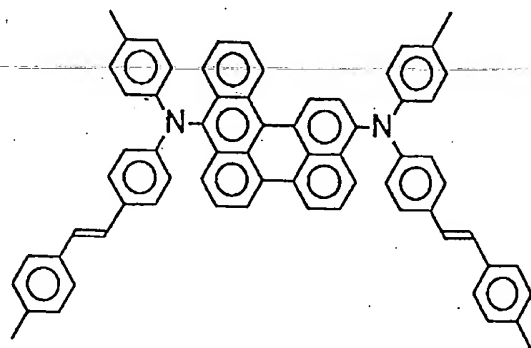
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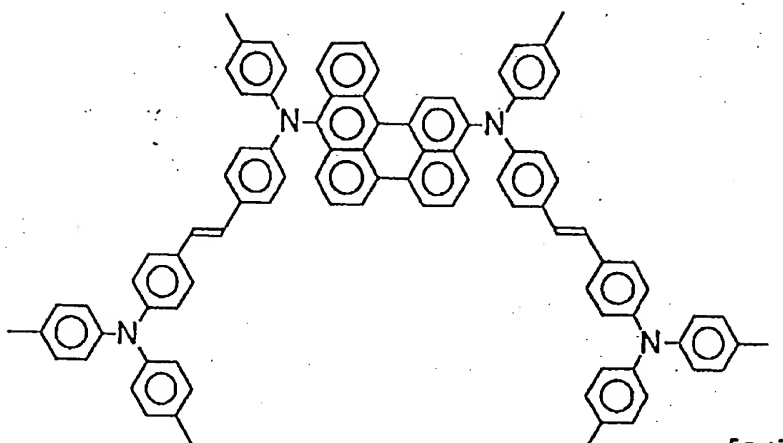
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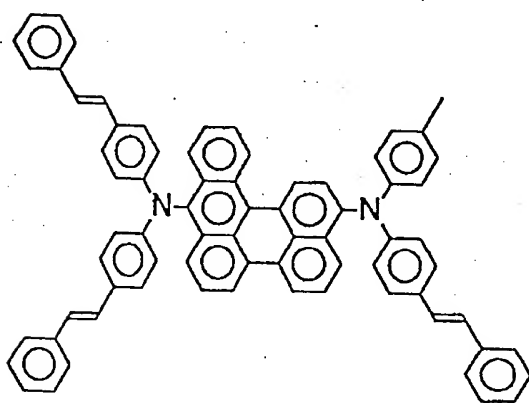
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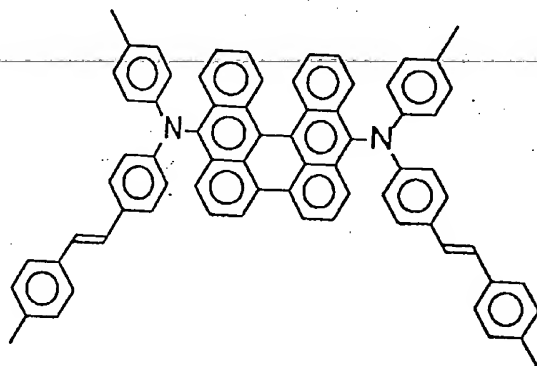


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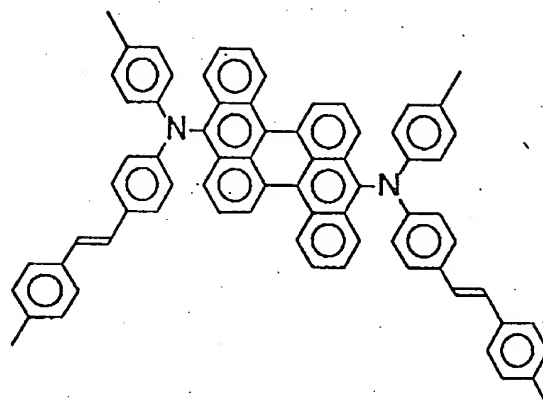
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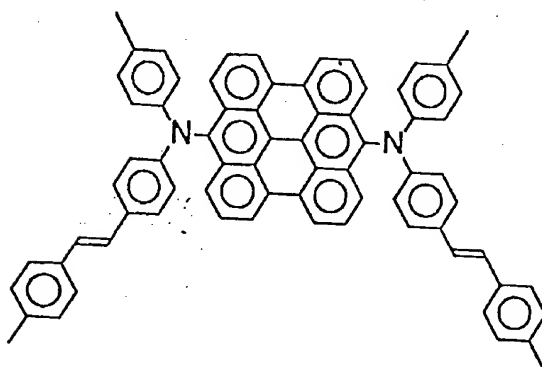
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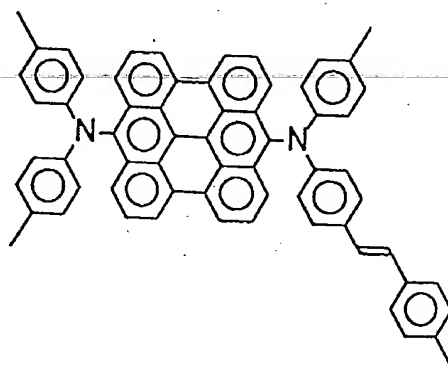
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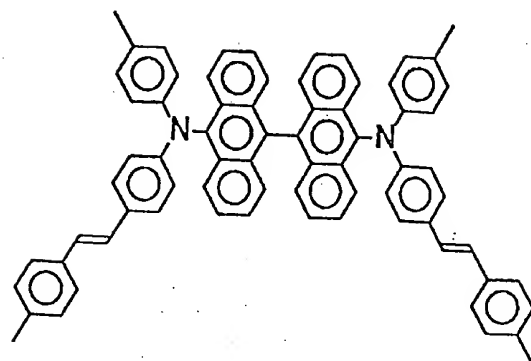
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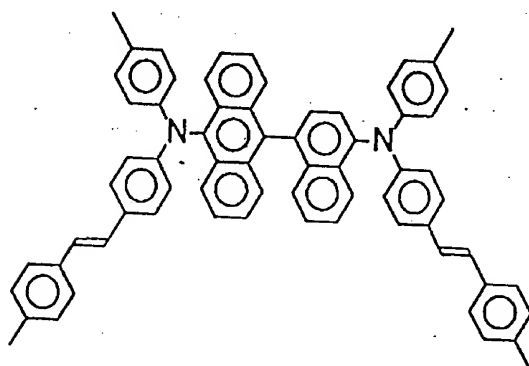
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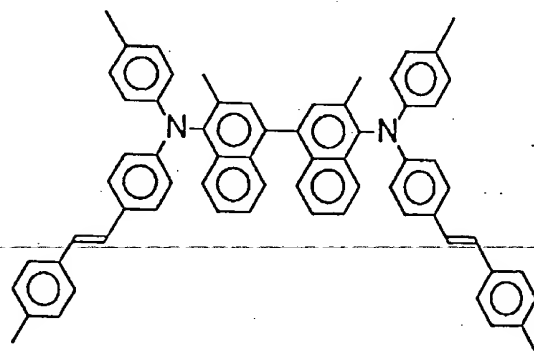
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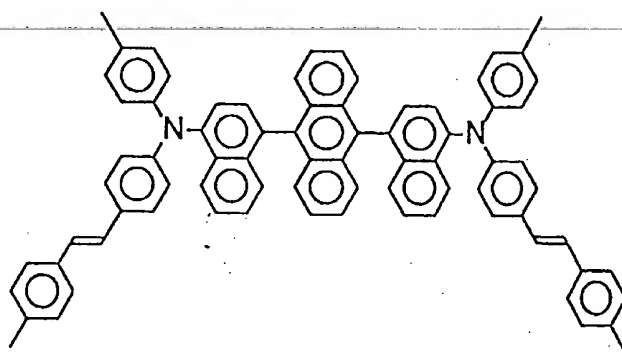
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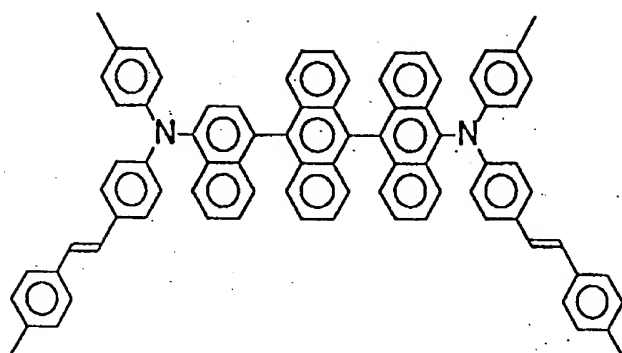
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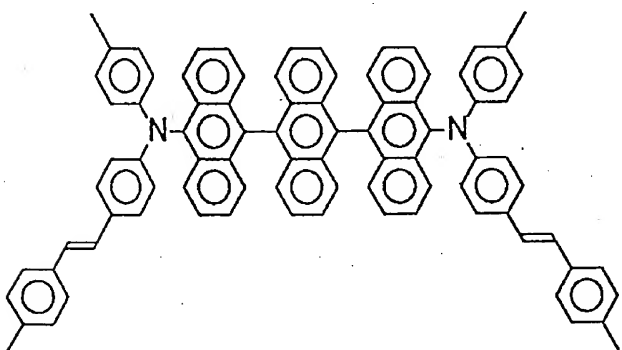
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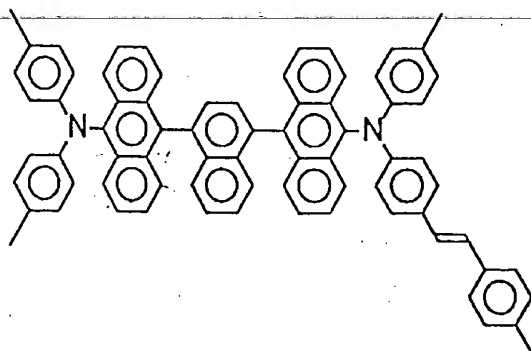
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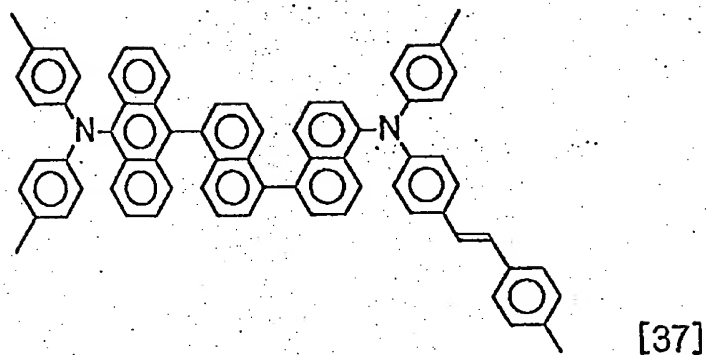
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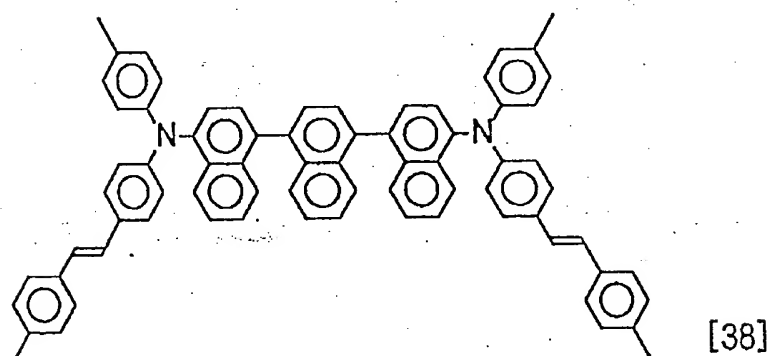
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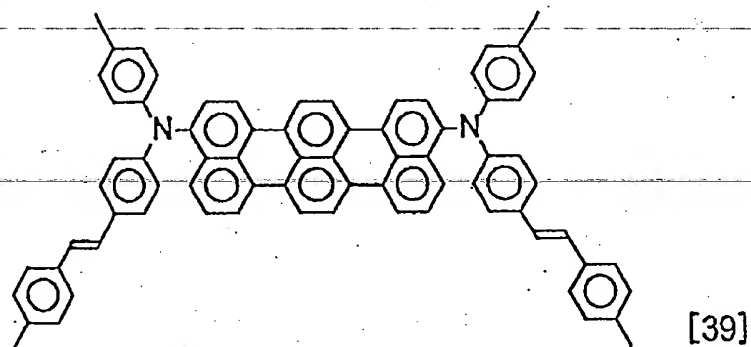


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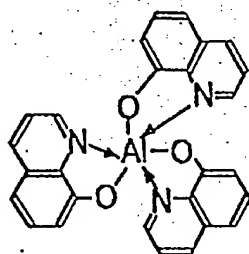
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Following are examples of the compounds which can
also be used as a electroluminescent material. But the

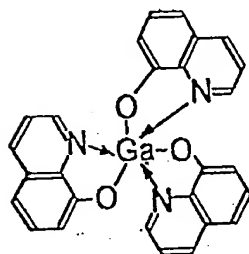
present invention is not limited to these examples unless the spirit or scope of the invention is changed.

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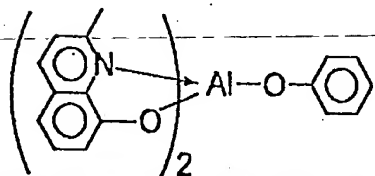
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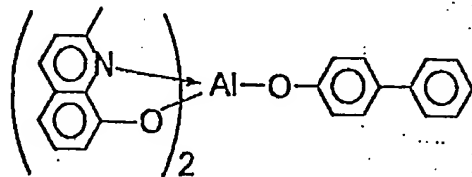
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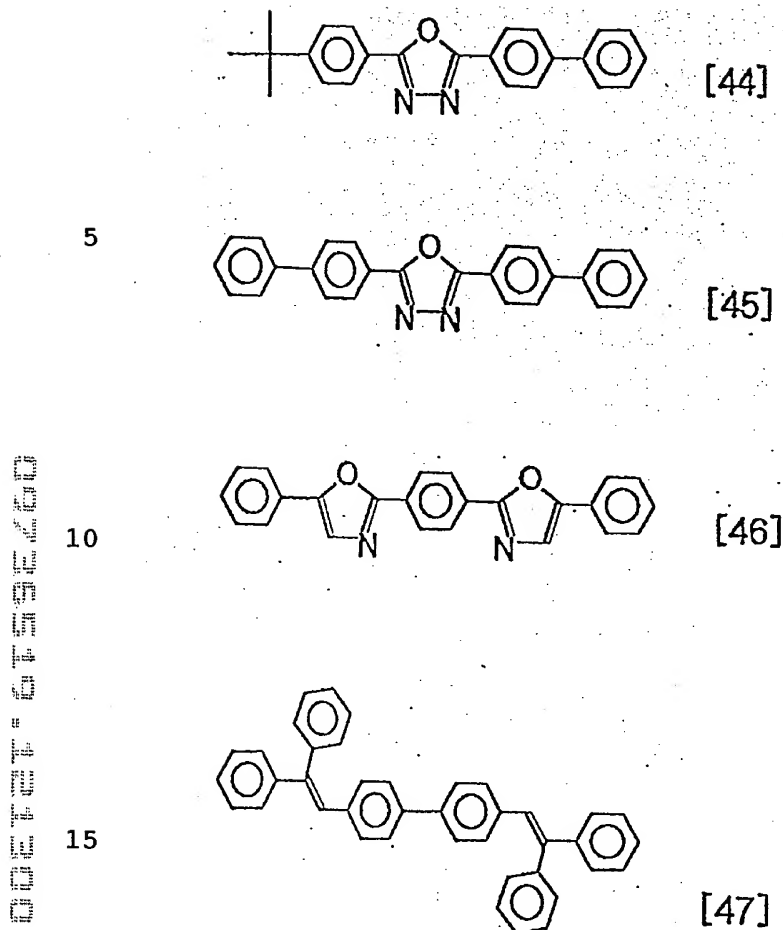
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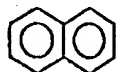


The organic EL device according to the present invention has a structure in which one organic layer or two or more organic layers are interposed between electrodes, and the present invention includes a structure comprising an anode/ light-emitting zone /cathode as shown in Fig. 1, a structure comprising an anode/ light-emitting zone / electron-injecting zone /cathode as shown in Fig. 2, a structure comprising an anode/ hole-injecting zone / light-

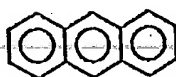
emitting zone /cathode as shown in Fig. 3, and a structure comprising an anode/ hole-injecting zone / light-emitting zone / electron-injecting zone /cathode as shown in Fig. 4.

The above-mentioned compounds are used in the organic layer constituting the light-emitting zone, and they are mixed with another hole-injecting material, electroluminescent material, fluorescence material, electron-transporting material and the like to form the light-emitting zone.

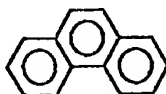
Following are examples of the compounds which can be used as a fluorescence material. But the present invention is not limited to these examples unless the spirit or scope of the invention is changed.



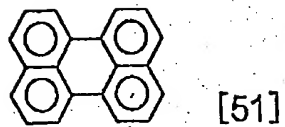
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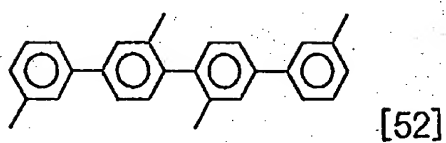
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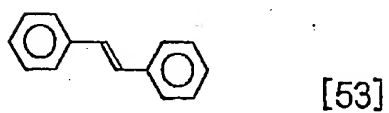
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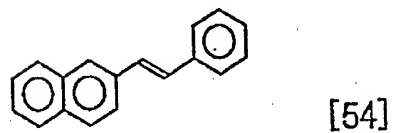
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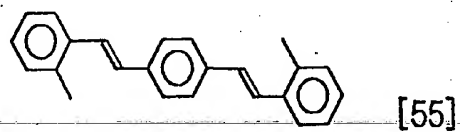
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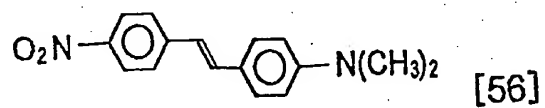
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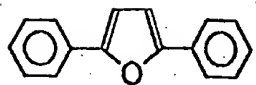


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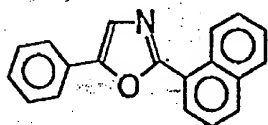


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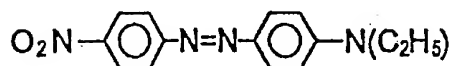




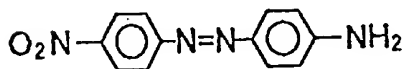
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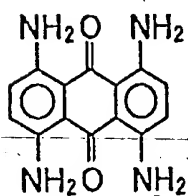
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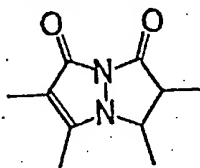
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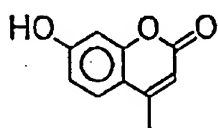
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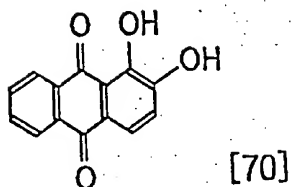


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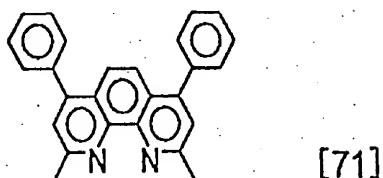
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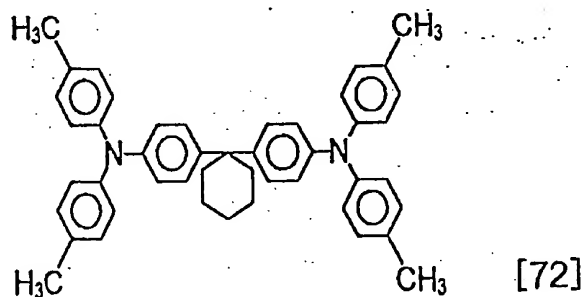


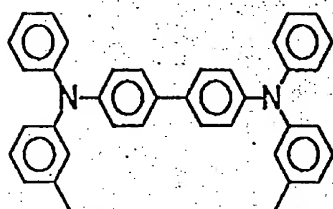
The fluorescent peak positions of the electroluminescent materials and fluorescence materials are determined as the peak top wavelength of the fluorescence spectrum in powder form.

There is no particular limitation imposed on the hole-injecting material to be used in the present invention. Any compound ordinarily employed as a hole-injecting material may be used. Examples include triphenyldiamines such as bis(di(p-tolyl)aminophenyl)-1,1-cyclohexane [72], N,N'-diphenyl-N,N'-bis(3-methylphenyl)-1,1'-biphenyl-4,4'-diamine [73] and N,N'-diphenyl-N,N'-bis(1-naphthyl)-1,1'-biphenyl-4,4'-diamine [74] and starburst type molecules

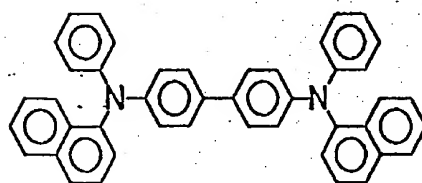
20 ([75] to [77]).

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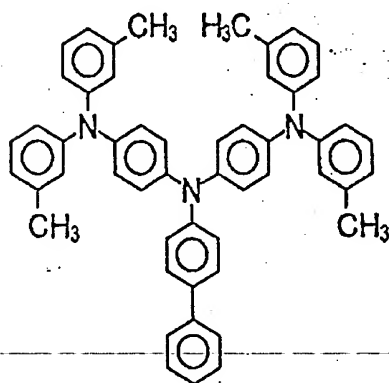




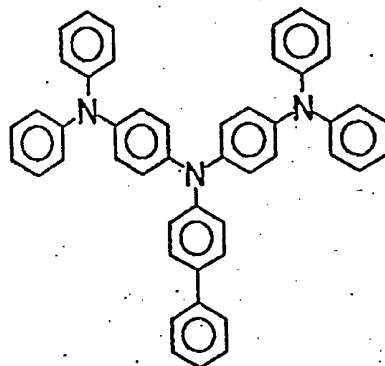
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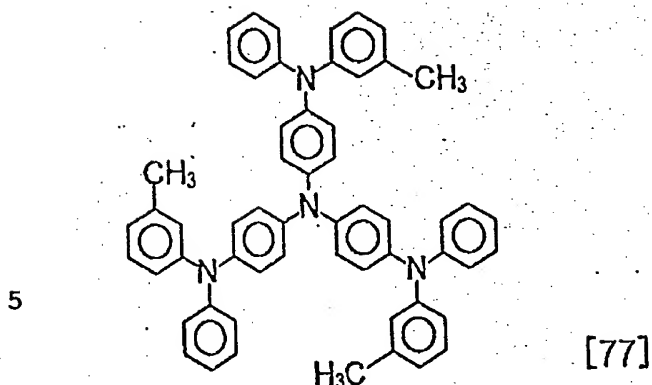
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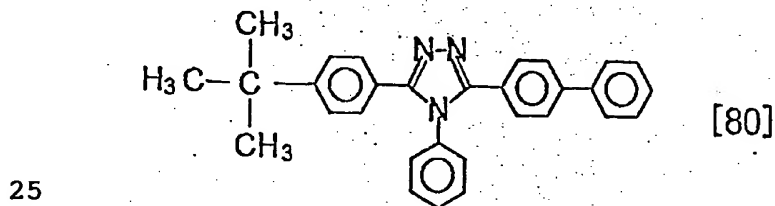
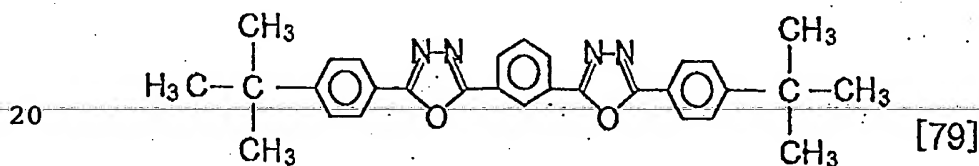
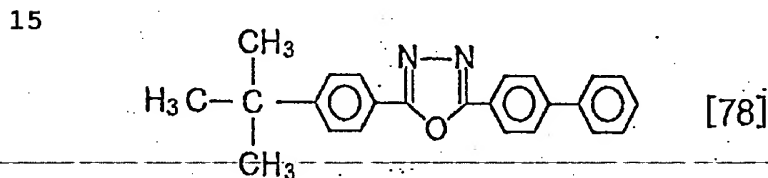
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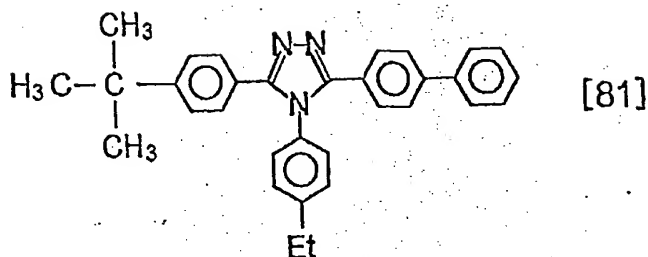


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There is no particular limitation imposed on the electron-transporting material to be used in the present invention. Any compound ordinarily employed as a electron-transporting material may be used. Examples include oxadiazole derivatives such as 2-(4-biphenyl)-5-(4-t-butylphenyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazole [78] and bis{2-(4-t-butylphenyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazole}-m-phenylene [79] and triazole derivatives ([80], [81] and the like).

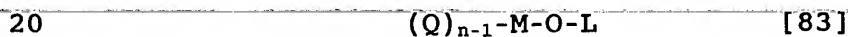




5 Furthermore, quinolinol-based metal complexes as represented by formulae [82], [83] and [84] are also used as the electron-transporting material, wherein Q designates a substituted or non-substituted hydroxyl quinoline derivative or a substituted or non-substituted benzoquinoline
 10 derivative, "M" designates a metal atom, "n" designates a valency thereof, "L" designates a halogen atom, a substituted or non-substituted alkyl group, a substituted or non-substituted cycloalkyl group, and a substituted or non-substituted aryl group which may includes nitrogen atom.

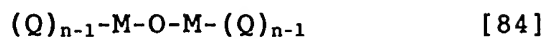


wherein Q is a substituted or an unsubstituted hydroxyquinoline derivative, or a substituted or an unsubstituted benzoquinoline derivative; M is a metal atom; and n is its valence.



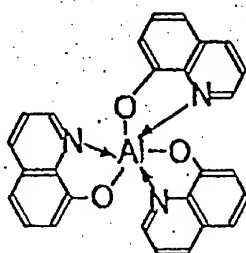
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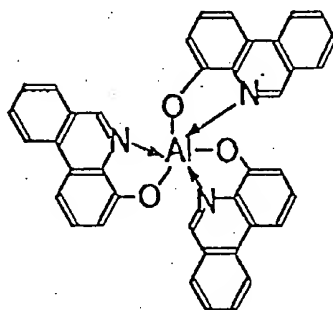
Typical examples of the compound represented by
5 formula [82] include the following compounds represented by
[85] to [90].

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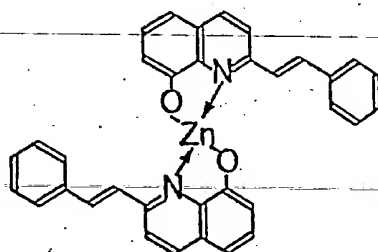
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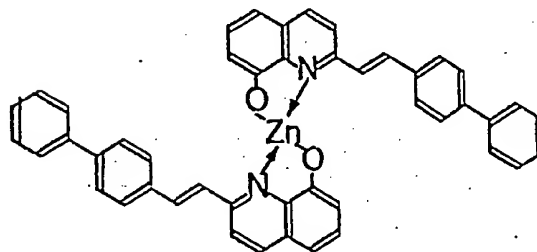
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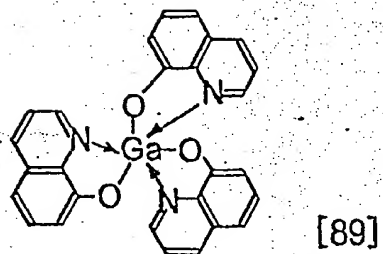
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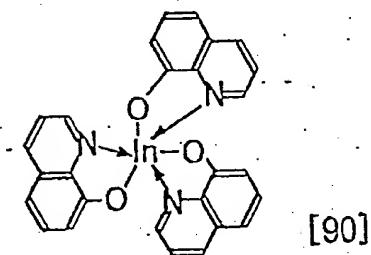


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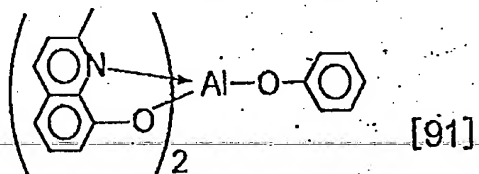


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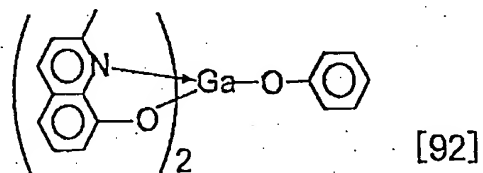


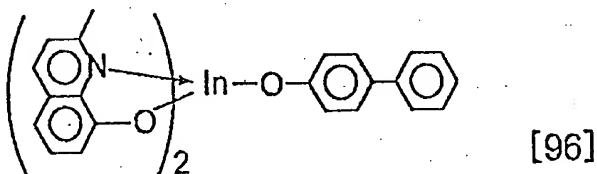
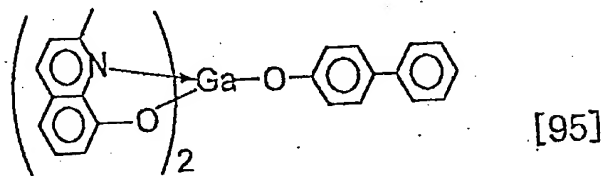
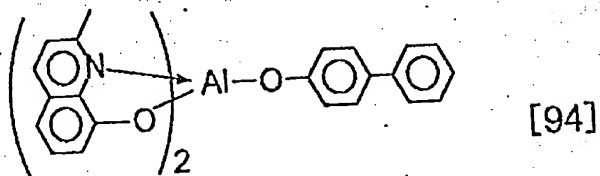
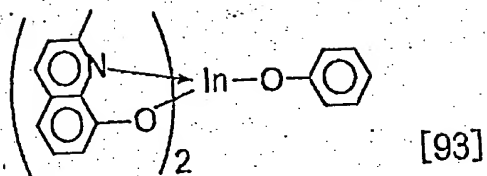
Similarly, typical examples of the compound
 15 represented by formula [83] include the following compounds
 represented by [91] to [96].

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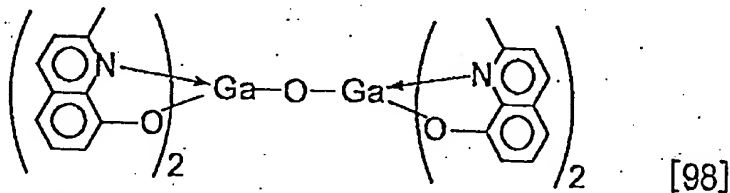
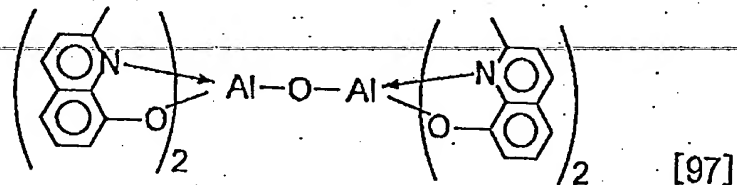


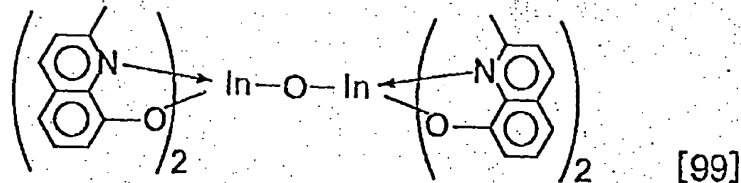
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Furthermore, typical examples of the compound represented by formula [84] include the following compounds represented by [97] to [99].





5 A light-emitting zone which is doped with metal having a smaller work function to make the zone electron-injectable can be used. Although there is no particular limitation imposed on the doping metal, specific examples include lithium, magnesium and aluminum which may constitute the cathode is preferably employed.

10 The anode of the organic EL device plays the role of injecting holes into the light-emitting zone or the hole-injecting zone, and it is effective that the anode has a work function of 4.5 eV or more. Typical applicable examples of an anode material which can be used in the present invention include indium tin oxide alloy (ITO), tin oxide (NESA), gold, silver, platinum and copper.

20 As a pretreatment method of the anode, there can be used a suitable combination of a wet cleaning method, ozone cleaning, an exposure of plasma such as oxygen, ultraviolet light irradiation by an excimer UV lamp, an excimer laser or a deuterium lamp, or the like.

25 Furthermore, the cathode is preferably made of a material having a small work function for the purpose of injecting the electrons into the electron-injecting zone or

the light-emitting zone. Although there is no particular limitation imposed on the cathode material, but typical usable examples of the cathode material include indium, aluminum, magnesium, magnesium-indium alloy, magnesium-
5 aluminum alloy, aluminum-lithium alloy, aluminum-scandium-lithium alloy and magnesium-silver alloy.

Each layer of the organic EL device according to the present invention can be fabricated by any method.

Conventionally known methods such as vacuum deposition and
10 spin coating can be employed. The organic thin-film layer which is to be used in the organic EL device of the present invention and contains the compounds of the general formula [1] above can be fabricated by a known method such as vacuum deposition, molecular beam epitaxy (MBE) or coating
15 including dipping, spin coating, casting, bar coating or roll coating of a solution of the compounds dissolved in a proper solvent. Especially, the vacuum evaporation method is preferable.

There is no particular limitation on the thickness of
~~20 each organic layer of the organic EL device of the present~~ invention. When the thickness of layer is too thin, defects such as spin holes tend to occur. When the thickness of layer is too thick, on the other hand, a high-applied voltage is required, which decreases the efficiency. Usually,
25 the organic layers are therefore preferred to have a

thickness within a range of several nm to 1 μ m.

The present invention will hereinafter be described in detail by examples. It should however be borne in mind that the present invention is not limited only to the following examples so long as they do not depart from the spirit or scope of the invention.

Example 1

Fig. 1 shows a cross-sectional structure of an organic EL device regarding Example 1. The organic EL device regarding this example comprises a glass substrate 1, an anode 2 and a cathode 6 formed on the glass substrate 1, and a light-emitting zone 4 sandwiched between the anode 2 and the cathode 6.

Hereinafter, a preparation procedure of the organic EL device regarding Example 1 will be described.

First, ITO was sputtered on a glass substrate to form a film having a sheet resistance of 20 Ω/\square as an anode. The ITO-covered substrate was washed with an alkali cleaning fluid, and then with isopropyl alcohol. The cleaned substrate was irradiated with an ultraviolet light of wavelength 172 nm by Xe2* lamp for three minutes. Over the anode, a 60 nm thick light-emitting zone was formed by the vacuum deposition of the compound represented by formula [3] whose fluorescent peak position is 470 nm and the compound represented by formula [20] whose fluorescent peak position

is 580 nm. Then, a 150 nm thick cathode was formed by the vacuum deposition of magnesium-silver alloy, whereby the organic EL device was fabricated.

When a DC voltage of 10 V was applied to the thus
5 obtained organic EL device, the emission spectrum includes a peak at 640 nm and a shoulder at about 680 nm, and a reddish-orange light emission of 3100 cd/m² was obtained.

Example 2

10 The same procedure as in Example 1 was conducted except that a light-emitting zone 4 was formed as thick as 60 nm by a spin coating method using a chloroform solution in which the equal amounts of compounds [3] and [20] were dissolved, thereby preparing an organic EL device.

When a DC voltage of 10 V was applied to the thus
15 obtained organic EL device, the emission spectrum includes a peak at 637 nm and a shoulder at about 680 nm, and a reddish-orange light emission of 2200 cd/m² was obtained.

Example 3

Fig. 2 shows a cross-sectional structure of an
20 organic EL device regarding Example 3. The organic EL device regarding this example comprises a glass substrate 1, an anode 2 and a cathode 6 formed on the glass substrate 1, and a light-emitting zone 4 and an electron-injecting zone 5 sandwiched between the anode 2 and the cathode 6.

25 Hereinafter, a preparation procedure of the organic

EL device regarding Example 3 will be described.

First, ITO was sputtered on a glass substrate to form a film having a sheet resistance of $20 \Omega/\square$ as an anode. The ITO-covered substrate was washed with an alkali cleaning fluid, and then with isopropyl alcohol. The cleaned substrate was irradiated with an ultraviolet light of wavelength 172 nm by Xe2* lamp for three minutes. Over the anode, a 60 nm thick light-emitting zone was formed by the vacuum deposition of the compound represented by formula [3] whose fluorescent peak position is 470 nm and the compound represented by formula [20] whose fluorescent peak position is 580 nm. Then, a 25 nm thick electron-injecting zone was formed by the vacuum deposition of compound represented by formula [91]. Then, a 150 nm thick cathode was formed by the vacuum deposition of magnesium-silver alloy, whereby the organic EL device was fabricated.

Fig. 5 shows an EL spectra at a time when a DC voltage of 10 V was applied to the thus obtained organic EL device, and a fluorescence spectrum of the above compounds represented by formula [3] and [20]. The emission spectrum includes a peak at 641 nm and a shoulder at about 680 nm. And these wavelength are different from both the fluorescent peak position of the compounds represented by formula [3] and [20], and a reddish-orange light emission of 5200 cd/m² was obtained.

Example 4

The same procedure as in Example 3 was conducted except that a compound [20] whose fluorescent peak position is 580 nm and a compound [44] whose fluorescent peak position is 368 nm were used to form a light-emitting zone 4, thereby preparing an organic EL device.

When a DC voltage of 10 V was applied to the thus obtained organic EL device, the emission spectrum includes a peak at 620 nm, and a reddish-orange light emission of 5900 cd/m² was obtained.

Example 5

The same procedure as in Example 3 was conducted except that a compound [8] whose fluorescent peak position is 470 nm and a compound [51] whose fluorescent peak position is 500 nm were used to form a light-emitting zone 4, thereby preparing an organic EL device.

When a DC voltage of 10 V was applied to the thus obtained organic EL device, the emission spectrum includes a peak at 520 nm and shoulders at about 560 nm and 600 nm, and a yellowish-orange light emission of 13800 cd/m² was obtained.

Example 6

The same procedure as in Example 3 was conducted except that a compound [3] whose fluorescent peak position is 470 nm and a compound [51] whose fluorescent peak

position is 500 nm were used to form a light-emitting zone 4, thereby preparing an organic EL device.

When a DC voltage of 10 V was applied to the thus obtained organic EL device, the emission spectrum includes a peak at 520 nm and shoulders at about 550 nm and 600 nm, and a yellowish-orange light emission of 11500 cd/m² was obtained.

Example 7

Fig. 4 shows a cross-sectional structure of an organic EL device regarding Example 7. The organic EL device regarding this example comprises a glass substrate 1, an anode 2 and a cathode 6 formed on the glass substrate 1, and a hole-injecting zone 3, a light-emitting zone 4 and an electron-injecting zone 5 sandwiched between the anode 2 and the cathode 6.

Hereinafter, a preparation procedure of the organic EL device regarding Example 7 will be described.

First, ITO was sputtered on a glass substrate to form a film having a sheet resistance of 20 Ω/\square as an anode. The ITO-covered substrate was washed with an alkali cleaning fluid, and then with isopropyl alcohol. The cleaned substrate was irradiated with an ultraviolet light of wavelength 172 nm by Xe²⁺ lamp for three minutes. Over the anode, a 25 nm thick hole-injecting zone was formed by the vacuum deposition of compound represented by formula [76].

Then, a 60 nm thick light-emitting zone was formed by the vacuum deposition of the compound represented by formula [3] whose fluorescent peak position is 470 nm and the compound represented by formula [20] whose fluorescent peak position is 580 nm. Then, a 25 nm thick electron-injecting zone was formed by the vacuum deposition of compound represented by formula [91]. Then, a 150 nm thick cathode was formed by the vacuum deposition of magnesium-silver alloy, whereby the organic EL device was fabricated.

10 When a DC voltage of 10 V was applied to the thus obtained organic EL device, the emission spectrum includes a peak at 638 nm and a shoulder at about 680 nm, and a reddish-orange light emission of 3900 cd/m² was obtained.

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